



VIRGINIA VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION

Report to the Board of Veterans Services

August 25, 2021

The Virginia Veterans Services Foundation (VVSF) Board of Trustees has not held a meeting since the last Board of Veterans Services (BVS) meeting held on June 29, 2021. The next VVFS Board of Trustees meeting will be in person and scheduled for September 9, 2021 at the Virginia War Memorial. We are excited to have the opportunity to meet many of the VVSF trustees for the first time.

Work on various Foundation projects continues through the summer. The Procedures and Policies Committee met on July 27, 2021. The Committee Chair, Jack Lanier has been working closely with the VVSF staff to confirm all deadlines are met when updating various VVFS documents required for consideration at the first quarter board meeting. The Procedures and Policies Committee recommendations will be presented to the full Board for approval in September.

The Finance Committee with the guidance of the Committee Chair, Walter Stosch are working to finalize the various budget matters that need to be considered by the board for fiscal year 2022 (FY22).

The Development Committee Chair, Robin Beres has been working on a variety of articles and fundraising messages to be used for upcoming campaigns. With fundraising as a top priority, the Development Committee anticipate a busy year identifying the needed funding sources to help support the VDVS programs.

With COVID 19 restrictions easing, the return of Community Fundraisers events have started. This is a very welcome return for the Foundation. These events are essential for increasing revenue and providing outreach opportunities throughout the Commonwealth. There are two established events planned in September.

On September 17, 2021 the Knights of Columbus Assembly 3349 will hold the Dave Marchant Memorial Virginia Veterans Tournament at the Piankatank River Club in Hartfield, Virginia. The George C. Marshall MOAA Chapter will host their 13th Annual Golf Tournament at the Lexington Golf and Country Club on September 10, 2021. VVSF is very fortunate to have many dedicated and generous donors. They invest a great deal of their time and hard work to host fundraisers year after year.

The past months have been very challenging and the unexpected consequences of COVID 19 remains. The Foundation is committed to increasing revenue to meet the needs of all Virginia veterans. The Foundation looks forward to working with Commissioner Maxwell and the VDVS team as they evaluate and determine the level of support needed for veterans this year and in the future. A strong collaboration between the Foundation and VDVS will result in a positive outcome in assisting additional veterans through the programs and services offered through VDVS.

Overall donations and expenses are down in FY21, much of what can be attributed to the overall impact of the pandemic. A complete end of the year report will be provided to the trustees at the September 9, 2021 Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Lesinski, Chairman
Veterans Services Foundation